



Tulsa District military mission includes construction and building maintenance at Pantex Plant, where top photo shows workers constructing blast walls on a high explosive subassembly area. Pantex, near Amarillo, is the only U.S. plant for final assembly of nuclear weapons. Among other projects: construction at Vance Air Force Base mission support facility, left, and many new recruiting stations, far left. Below: Major Hubbard.



MILITARY SUPPORT.

Moving into a crowded office, Patete introduced the group to Maj. Jon Hubbard, deputy commander for military work, who was meeting with Executive Assistant Larry Redford. The topic was military support.

"We are, in essence, builders, architects, and maintenance engineers for military installations in Oklahoma and Texas," Hubbard said. "We serve one Department of Energy installation, the highly sophisticated Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant at Amarillo, Texas. And we serve two Army installations, five Air Force installations, eight reserve commands, and 104 recruiting stations."

The work runs the gamut from building complex mission support facilities at Vance Air Force Base to leasing space for military recruiting offices throughout the region, Redford said.

"In fact," Patete said, "in dollar terms, our military work now out-distances our civil work. Our 1989 budget allocates \$100.7 million for Tulsa District's military work and \$85.2 million for our civil work — making our total budget for this year more than \$186 million.

"To do that work, we have a work force that has remained fairly steady over the years. Today, we have about 1,300 employees, about one-half in this Tulsa District office and about one-half in the field. We are proud that 83 percent of our engineers are registered professionals."

